MOST IMMEDIATE

No. 7(44)-E (Coord)/90

Government of India

Ministry of Finance

Department of Expenditure

New Delhi, dated the 30th Nov, 1990

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: *Economy in expenditure*

In order to contain the budgetary deficit, it has been decided to take the following measures with immediate effect:

(a) All entertainments including lunches, dinner and refreshment etc, at Government cost, except one lunch or dinner for foreign delegations/ distinguished foreign visitors are to be stopped.

(b) The practice of holding meetings, conferences etc., at hotels is to be discontinued forthwith.

(c) The meetings and conferences to be held at headquarters may invariably be so arranged as to minimise the expenditure on participation and travel.

(d) Expenditure on telephones may be reduced by 10 per cent with reference to the average for the period September-November, 90

(e) Expenditure on consumption of electricity may be reduced by 10 % of all offices and public buildings with reference to the consumption during the corresponding month of the previous year All ostentatious and decorative lighting may be stopped.

(f) The instructions contained in this Ministry's O M.No. F 3(3)-E II (A)/90 dated 27th June, 90, 22nd August, 90 and 24th August, 90 regarding 20 per cent reduction in the consumption of petrol and diesel etc, may be strictly enforced

(g) There will be no new purchase of vehicles until 31-3-1991.

2. All Ministries/Departments may also ensure adherance to these economy measures in their Attached/Subordinate Offices, Public Sector Undertakings, Autonomous and Statutory Bodies whether wholly or partially funded by Government.

3 These instructions issue with the approval of Finance Minister

(P. G. Lele)

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India

All Ministries/Departments of the Govt of India

Copy to all F As. (By name).

Review of Pepsi Project

*7 SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA.

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government have recently set up a Committee to review the functioning of the multi-national Pepsi Project;

(b) if so, what is the composition of the committee and by when it is likely to submit its report to Government;

(c) whether the company is functioning in the planned direction at present; and

(d) what further action Government propose to take to ensure that Pepsi functions as a rural-oriented industry?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Limited have been granted a Letter of Intent for the manufacture of

the following items subject to certain conditions —

(1) Processed Potato/Grain Foods

(2) Soft Drink Concentrates

(3) Processed fruit/vegetable products.

A team of officers consisting of Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Director (Fruit & Vegetable Preservation), Ministry of Food Processing Industries and Assistant Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research has been constituted to visit the various projects of M/s Pepsi Food Private Limited to ascertain the present status The team's report is expected by 25th of January, 1991.

Any violation of the conditions in the industrial approvals by M/s Pepsi Foods Private Limited will attract penal action under law

Setting up of departmental store in Moscow by Bharat Business International Limited

*8 SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL·

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Bharat Business International Limited proposes to set up a large departmental store to sell India-made consumer goods in Moscow to meet acute scarcity there; if so, what are the details in this regard, and

(b) what is the total quantity and value of goods supplied to the USSR during the last six months and what has been received in return?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (DR SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY) (a) No, Sir.

(b) The following is the position of India's exports to and imports from the USSR during the last six months in value terms —

(Rs. in crores)

†Expects to USSR:	2814
†Imports from USSR:	1727
(April—September, 1990— DGCI&S provisional figures).	

Data on total quantity of exports is not calculated on a uniform basis and hence has not been indicated.

†Import figures adjusted to include Crude Oil

Issue of identtiy cards to the weavers to make available yarn at clean rates

*9. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have decided to issue identity cards to the weavers to make available your to them at cheap rates;

(b) whether the quality and quantity of yarn which will be provided to them will also be indicated in their card, and

(c) by when this system is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) (a) to (c) Handloom is a State subject and distribution of hank yarn is an activity within the purview of the State Government Any changes in the distribution of hank yarn will require full involvement of the State Government as they will be implementing it.

Government of India has no proposal at present regarding issuance of identity cards to the weavers so as to make yarn available to them at cheap raies, Government is however, fully aware of the problems of handloom weavers regarding regu-